Amendment to VALVE STEM PULLER AND METHOD OF INSTALLING AN INFLATING TUBE WITHIN A TIRE Mark W. Varnum, inventor Serial No. 10/615,463 Filed July 7, 2003 Page 4 of 4

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 3 and 4 remain in this application.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 have been canceled.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended.

The rejected Claims 1, 2, and 5-7 have now been canceled.

Claims 3 and 4, which were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, have now been rewritten in independent form. Since these claims were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is now believed that these claims are in condition for formal allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to account No. 13-4899.

Respectfully submitted,

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